

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. C. M. Voorhees on July 20, 2006.

In claim 25, line 10, after "speed", --during said directing step-- has been inserted;

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in line ¹⁰~~11~~, before "rate", --directly proportional-- has been inserted;

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in line ¹¹~~12~~, after "path", - -wherein increase and decrease in the speed of the web increases and decreases, respectively, the rate of the discharging of the flowable substance-- has been inserted.

Claim 26 has been cancelled.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not show the method of applying a flowable substance to a web comprising the combination of steps of discharging and rotating a flowable substance onto a web fed at variable speed during the discharging step in direct proportional rate of the speed of advancement of the web.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably